

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JULY 9, 2012**

### **1. Call the meeting to order.**

Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m. Present were Yves Daigle, Jacques Couture, Richard Degre, Connie LaPlume, LaDonna Dunn, MaryLou Jacobs, Scott Dunn and Mike Piper.

### **2. Approve minutes of last meeting.**

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

### **3. Floor at the Community Center.**

On the list with Dept of Corrections.

Rates per day

The Corrections dept will complete the project either by them supervising or one of the selectmen supervising. The clerk will have the supervisor contact Yves for details.

### **4. Signage for the playground and tennis court/basketball court.**

12" x 18" sign for "NO PETS " Red lettering on white sign. \$16.73 each.

24" x 24" sign for tennis court and basket court. Need proper wording. Saying something with "no wheels" on the courts. Red Letters on white sign. \$30.94 each.

Two signs for the playground will be ordered that say "NO PETS on the PLAYGROUND"

Two signs for the tennis court and basket ball court will be ordered that say "NO BIKES\_SKATEBOARDS or ATV's allowed."

Two signs for the walking path will be ordered that say "FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY"

Also MaryLou would like a sign that says "HANDICAPPED PERSON" for her road.

Richard will check with the state garage. If they don't have two, they will be ordered by Richard or ordered from the corrections dept.

### **5. Sheriff's report.**

The sheriff's dept worked 23 hours for June.

### **6. Letter to Sally Caron regarding fees due to the Town, and unlicensed dogs.**

Jacques felt that if she didn't come in to pay the fine, to let it go this time since she no longer has a dog.

### **7. VT Route 100 Pedestrian and Safety Study**

Doug Morton will call to set up a meeting for the towns of Lowell and Westfield. The three selectmen will be on the committee.

This is a study that will cover bike paths, sidewalks. Etc.

### **8. Act 102 of 2012 – Constables.**

The constables are covered by VLCT insurance as long as they restrict themselves to what they are currently doing. Complaints and dogs, basically.

### **9. FEMA increase in Fed share.**

Extra funds were received to cover the expenses from tropical storm IRENE. When a check is received by MaryLou it will be deposited into the road account.

#### 10. VLCT inspection

All the requests from the inspector concerning the garage have been completed. The playground has a couple of minor repairs... 2 screws that need to be inset and a load of bark to go under the swing. Larry will bring a load of bark to finish up all requests. The clerk will send a letter to Fred Satink at VLCT informing him that everything except the library has been completed.

#### 11. Letter from Sandy Snyder

Sandy Snyder wrote a letter to the board thanking them for notifying her of the computer classes at the Jay Community Center. She also suggested it would be nice to have "public cars" available for residents in need.

#### 12. Trees around town.

Ten (10) trees will be planted on Route 100 in the village area. 5 around the town garage, 2 by Shelley Martin's house, 2 by Mario Maresca's house, and 1 on the common. These trees will be set back from the road and planted by Jay Landscaping.

#### 13. Playground update.

This was covered under article 4. MaryLou will have a detailed report for the next meeting for the monies spent versus money received to complete the playground.

#### 14. Grant from State of VT. Vt Transportation Enhancement Program.

A Letter of Intent is to go out before Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> informing them we are interested in applying for a grant for a ramp, book preservation, generator.

(upon reviewing the application, the town does not qualify for this grant. It is for transportation *related* requests.)

To go along with this... I found there is grant money available through Vt Dept of Housing & Community Affairs. The cycle starts August 1, 2012. The grant is \$5,000 - \$75,000 with a 25% match. Connie will be in touch with Lisa Ryan concerning this grant. [www.development.grants.Vermont.gov](http://www.development.grants.Vermont.gov) is the address that the grant will be completed on. The actual account for applying has to be set up by the select board. They have to call the Vt DHCA and give Connie permission to work on the grant. The application itself when completed has to be submitted by the Select board.

#### 15. Generator for Command Post.

Richard had two bids. One from Ray Delabruere for a 10,000 KW for \$62,000 or a 14,000 KW for \$6,850. This is on a cement pad.

The second one was from D & D Electric. An 85,000 KW for \$6,524. A cement pad was not mentioned on the bid.

A propane tank of 325 gal -500 gal will be needed. The clerk will get a quote from Nadeau's and Blue Flame for the purchase of a tank, plus a price for propane. This is to include hook up to the generator.

#### 16. Education tax rates for Fiscal year 2013

Last years education tax rate was	\$1.3565 – non-resident
	1.0884 – resident
the town tax rate was	.3448

This year the education tax rate is \$ 1.3846 – non-resident

1.2007 – resident

the town rate has not yet been set.

17. Party and plaque for Richard Shover.

The party for the Shover's will be at the Westfield Community Center Saturday, July 14, 2012,

A plaque has been purchased to present to Richard.

A bar b q will be served 11:00-3:00.

18. Other business

tennis racquets for the courts

the board felt that having racquets or basketballs available would be too difficult to keep track of.

Motion by Richard for LaDonna to purchase a digital camera for the town's use. This was seconded by Jacques. The motion included that the expense was not to exceed \$200. So moved.

19. To adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Jacques and seconded by Richard. So moved.